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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket No.1574/49884

Re: Transmittal Letter to the United States
Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)
Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. §371

International Application No.: PCT/FI00/00819
International Filing Date: 25 September 2000

Priority date claimed: <u>29 September 1999</u>
Priority application number: <u>944556</u>

Inventorship: Kristiina YLIHONKO, et al.

Title: THE GENE CLUSTER INVOLVED IN ACLACINOMYCIN

BIOSYNTHESIS, AND ITS USE FOR GENETIC

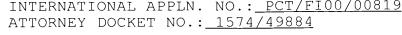
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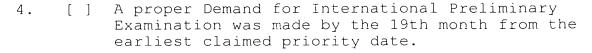
Enclosed herewith for entering the national stage in the United States is the above-referenced international application.

- 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 3. [X] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).

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- A copy of the International Application as filed (35 5. U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
 - a. \underline{X} is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - has been transmitted by the International Bureau. A copy of Form PCT/IB/308 is attached hereto.
 - is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- A translation of the International Application into 6. English (35 U.S.C. \$371(c)(2)).
- 7. [X] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3))
 - ____ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
 - ____ have been transmitted by the International Bureau
 - ____ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired
 - X have not been made and will not be made
- [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
- 9. An oath or declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. [X] \$371(c)(4)) is:
 - [X] Attached in the regular manner.
 - [] NOT included, but deferred under P.L. 97-247.

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- 10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5))
- 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. [] An Assignment of the invention in favor of the following organization is enclosed for recordation. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [X] A FIRST Preliminary Amendment.
 - [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT Preliminary Amendment.
- 14. [] A substitute specification.
- 15. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 16. [X] Other items of information:
 - [X] International Search Report
 - [X] 4 Sheets of Formal Drawings
 [] Sheets of Informal Drawings
 - [X] A paper and computer readable copy of a Sequence listing, with a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f).
 - [X] A statement of revocation of restrictions/conditions of deposited biological material.
 - [X] Kindly appoint as associate attorneys (if not already a principal attorney) or agents:

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 $\left[\text{X} \right]$ The total amount due for the filing fee in this case is:

[X] Based on Small Entity Status

Total Number of Claims: 22 Total Independent Claims: 1

Please forward all communications regarding this application to the undersigned at the letterhead address.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT OF REVOCATION OF RESTRICTIONS/CONDITIONS OF DEPOSITED BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby state that the microorganisms deposited with Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH on August 12, 1999 under deposit accession nos: DSM 12998 and 12999 have been deposited under the Budapest Treaty and the microorganisms will be irrevocably and without restriction or condition released to the public upon issuance of a patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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